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1. By 20 August the Chinese Communist government had drafted a proposal to establish a military district for Korean nationals in Manchuria to be responsible to the Chinese Communist Northeast Army Headquarters, Ch'angch'un.
2. The Korean military district was to include Chientao, Tunghua, the southern half of Mutanchiang, the southeast section of Kirin, and the northeast section of Antung.¹
3. All able-bodied Koreans in the Korean military district area will be subject to call in the military draft. A 2-year plan has set a goal of 600,000 men by late 1954. About 50,000 Manchurian-born Koreans already in training are scheduled to complete basic courses by 1 January 1953.
4. Within the framework of the Korean Autonomous People's Committee,² which has headquarters in Kirin, the Chinese Communists have created a Korean military committee responsible for the selective service program, logistic requirements, and administration. CHANG Hae-mun, Korean national, was appointed chairman of this military committee by the people's committee.
5. Troops of this command will be equipped with weapons manufactured in Manchurian arsenals. The Chinese Communist government does not plan to use these troops in the Korean war.
6. The Chinese Communist decision to establish a Korean military district is

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based on the following:

- a. In 1947 the Chinese Communist government promised Korean military leaders who fought against Chinese Nationalists that it would aid in establishing a Korean autonomous government.
- b. Korean troops fight better as a unit than mixed with Chinese Communist troops. This has been shown in the recent Chinese civil war and the present Korean campaign.
- c. Chinese Communist over-all armament plan requires compartmentation of various ethnic groups now being trained in Manchuria and China.

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1. [] Comment. These are old names for provinces bordering Korea. On 3 September a Korean minority autonomous people's government was established at Yenpien for 5 hsien in eastern Kirin, []

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2. [] Comment. The Korean Autonomous People's Committee is not an autonomous government in its present form nor is it opposed to the KIM Il-song regime in North Korea. The areas mentioned in paragraph 2 were established only because of the large concentration of Korean residents and in order to aid the work of the Korean military committee. They are not under the jurisdiction of this committee.
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